

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A fastener ~~for bags mounted on a bag~~, comprising an engaging piece fixed on a lid portion of [[a] ~~the~~ bag and a latch mechanism having a metallic surface and a latch member fixed on a main body portion of the bag and adapted to detachably receive the engaging piece, wherein part of the engaging piece is provided with an engaging ring for receiving the latch member and engages the metallic surface, said engaging ring being clad with a synthetic resin member configured for preventing damage to the metallic surface.

Claims 12-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (New): A fastener according to Claim 11, wherein said latch mechanism is located on an outer surface of the bag.

Claim 19 (New): A fastener according to Claim 18, wherein said metallic surface is located on an upper surface of said latch mechanism.